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# Charter, By-Laws, Rules, Officers, and Members

Newport Improvement Association

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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
1912





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RULES,  
OFFICERS and MEMBERS

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NEWPORT  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS

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### President

JOHN THOMPSON SPENCER

### Vice Presidents

CHARLES A. BRACKETT      GEORGE L. RIVES

WILLIAM P. BUFFUM

### Secretary

MAX LEVY

### Treasurer

PETER KING

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FREDERICK P. GARRETTSON, Chairman

H. Barton Jacobs

Jeremiah K. Sullivan

Henry A. C. Taylor

Miss Ellen Mason

Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt      Guam M. Hutton



**State of Rhode Island, Etc,**

I, J. FRED PARKER, Secretary of State, hereby certify that George Peabody Wetmore, John Thompson Spencer, J. Townsend Burden, Joseph H. Willard, Roderick Terry, French E. Chadwick, G. M. Hutton, Arnold Hague, Leander K. Carr, John R. Abney, Max Levy, Richard Mattison, Horatio R. Storer, Frederick P. Garrettson, Henry Barton Jacobs, Richard C. Derby, Arthur B. Emmons, Joseph P. Cotton, H. C. Bacheller, Isabel M. Weaver, Alfred G. Langley, Benjamin F. Turner, and George L. Rives have filed in the office of the Secretary of State according to law, their agreement to form a corporation under the name of "NEWPORT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION" for the following purposes :

The securing and the enforcement of such municipal and state action as shall appear for the best interests of Newport ;

The abatement of existing or threatened nuisances and the checking of undesirable developments ;

The preservation of the natural beauties of the city and to increasing its artificial attractiveness ;

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The laying out of new roads and to the improvement, extension and ornamentation of existing public streets, highways, parks and grounds ;

The doing of all other acts and things as shall from time to time appear for the present and future welfare of the city, in accordance with law, and have also filed the certificate of the General Treasurer that they have paid into the general treasury of the State the fee required by law.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the State of Rhode Island, this eighteenth day of September, in the year 1911.

[SEAL]

J. FRED PARKER,  
Secretary of State.



## BY-LAWS

### PREAMBLE

*Whereas*, United action seems advisable to some of us interested in the welfare of Newport, R. I., for the attainment of the following purposes:

(a) To the securing and enforcement of such municipal and state actions as shall appear for the best interests of Newport;

(b) To the abatement of existing or threatened nuisances and the checking of undesirable developments;

(c) To the preservation of the natural beauties of the city and to increasing its artificial attractiveness;

(d) To the laying out of the new roads and to the improvement, extension and ornamentation of existing public streets, highways, parks and grounds;

(e) To the doing of all other acts and things as shall from time to time appear for the present and future welfare of the city. Therefore we have formed ourselves into an Association and agree to be governed by the following By-Laws.



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### No. 1.    NAME

This Society shall be known as the Newport Improvement Association.

### No. 2.    MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any adult person, who shall be approved by the Executive Committee, and shall pay the sum of five dollars annually, may become a member of this Association.

### No. 3.    MEETINGS

There shall be meetings of this Association held each year on the first Monday of August, September and October, of which the September meeting shall be the annual meeting of the Association.

Said meetings shall be held at some convenient place in Newport, of which due notice shall be given by the Secretary.

Other meetings of the Association may be called by the President, and shall be called on written request of five members of the Association.

### No. 4.    OFFICERS OF THE ASSO-                   CIATION

At the annual meeting the Association shall elect by ballot the following officers:

President,  
Three Vice-Presidents,  
Treasurer,  
Secretary;

who shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected.

At the same time and place the Association shall elect, or shall empower the newly elected President, to appoint the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee.

Special Committees may be appointed by a vote of the Association at any time.

#### No. 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of his office.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer shall collect, and have charge of all money and other property of the Association, and shall report at each of the regular meetings. The report presented by him at the annual meeting shall be in writing accompanied by an account and vouchers for audit. He shall be the sole disbursing officer of the Association and shall pay out the moneys of the Association only upon written



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approval of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or the Chairman Pro Tem.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep a correct and careful record of all the proceedings of the Association in a suitable book, have charge of the books, records and seal of the Association, give notice of all meetings and perform such other duties as may be required from time to time.

### No 6. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of 7 members, exclusive of the officers of this Association, who shall be ex-officio members thereof. They shall make all contracts, expend all moneys, direct and superintend all improvements of the Corporation, and from time to time do such other things as to it, or the Corporation, may seem fit and proper, for affecting the purposes and objects of the Corporation.

The Executive Committee shall, also, have power to appoint, from members of the Corporation, additional committees to take charge of special work.

Three members present at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

No. 7. SEAL

The Corporation shall have a seal bearing its name and date of incorporation.

No. 8. DEEDS AND CONTRACTS

All deeds and contracts shall be executed, on behalf of the Corporation, by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or in his absence, by the acting Chairman thereof.

No member shall be, personally, liable for any contract or debt incurred by the Corporation.

No. 9. QUORUM

Eleven members of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum being present, a majority thereof shall control.

No. 10. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws, as a whole, or any part thereof, may be repealed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation, but a notice of any proposed change shall be given in the call for the meeting.

No. 11. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reading minutes of the proceeding meeting and action thereon.



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Report of Treasurer.

Report of Executive and Standing Committees.

Report of Special Committees.

New Business.

## MEMBERS

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ABNEY, J. R.

ADAMS, NEWTON

AGASSIZ, A. L.

AGASSIZ, G. R.

AMES, F. L.

ANDREWS, PAUL

ANGIER, MISS A. A.

APPLETON, MISS MARY

AUCHINCLOSS, H. D.

AUDRAIN, A. L.

BACHELLER, GEORGE N., JR.

BALDWIN, J. D.

BARGER, MILTON

BARKER, C. F.

BARNEY, JAS. H.

BARRETT, JOSEPH

BEECKMAN, R. L.

BELMONT, AUGUST

BELMONT, MRS. O. H. P.

BENJAMIN, G. H.



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BERWIND, MRS. E. J.  
BETTON, Miss E. L.  
BINNEY, MRS. WILLIAM  
BIRCKHEAD, Miss S. K.  
BRACKETT, CHARLES A.  
BRIGHTMAN, W. E.  
BROWN, EDWARD A.  
BUFFUM, WILLIAM P.  
BULL, MRS. CHARLES M.  
BURDEN, I. TOWNSEND  
BURKE-ROACH, MRS. FRANCES  
BURNHAM, G. H.  
BUSK, MRS. J. R.

CARR, GEORGE H.  
CARR, L. K.  
CARR, WILLIAM P.  
CARROLL, R. P.  
CHADWICK, FRENCH E.  
CHADWICK, MRS. FRENCH E.  
CLARKE, WILLIAM P.  
CLEWS, HENRY  
COGGESHALL, F. B.  
COMMERFORD, A. B.

COTTRELL, S. P.  
COTTON, J. P.  
COVELL, J. W.  
COVELL, WILLIAM K.  
CUNNINGHAM, MRS. F.

DARRAH, RUFUS  
DAVIES, JULIAN T.  
DAVIS, THEODORE M.  
DERBY, R. C.  
DE FOREST, G. B.  
DE RHAM, H. CASIMIR  
DE RHAM, MRS. H. CASIMIR  
DIEHL, O. H.  
DOLAN, CLARENCE W.  
DREXEL, JOHN R.  
DREXEL, MRS. JOHN R.  
DUNN, THOMAS  
DUNCAN, STUART  
DYER, HERBERT L.

EDGAR, MRS. WILLIAM  
ELDRIDGE, HENRY F.  
ELLIS, MISS HELEN



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EMMONS, ARTHUR B.

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EVERETT, OTIS

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FERRETTI, A. G.

FRAME, ROBERT

GALLATIN, R. H.

GAMMELL, R. T.

GAMMELL, WILLIAM

GARRETTSON, FREDERICK P.

GIBBS, MRS. THEODORE K.

GILLESPIE, LAWRENCE

GILLET, HENRY W.

GOELET, ROBERT W.

GRAHAM, HOWARD S.

GREENE, WILLIAM B., JR.

GREENE, MRS. WILLIAM B., JR.

GROSVENOR, MRS. WILLIAM P.

GROSVENOR, MISS R. A.

HAGUE, ARNOLD

HAMILTON, WILLIAM

HARRIMAN, JOSEPH  
HOFFMAN, CHARLES F.  
HOFFMAN, MRS. CHARLES F.  
HORTON, J. W.  
HOWARD, MRS. E. W.  
HUNTINGTON, O. W.  
HUNTINGTON, S. E.  
HUNTER, WILLIAM R.  
HUTTON, GUAM M.  
HUTTON, MRS. GUAM M.  
HUTTON, MISS E. C.  
HUTTON, MISS UNA L.

JACOBS, HENRY BARTON  
JACOBS, MRS. HENRY BARTON  
JACOBS, J. A.  
JAMES, ARTHUR CURTISS  
JENNINGS, OLIVER, G.  
JONES, MISS C. O.  
JOSEPHS, LYMAN C.  
JOSEPHS, MRS. LYMAN C.  
JURGENS, L.

KEEHER, THOMAS



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KING, MRS. DAVID  
KING, PETER  
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KOSCHNY, SIMON

LA FARGE, MRS.  
LANGLEY, ALFRED H.  
LAWRENCE, PRESCOTT  
LAWTON, GEORGE C.  
LAWTON, WILLIAM H.  
LEDYARD, LEWIS CASS  
LEROY, MRS. STUYVESANT  
LEVY, MAX  
LIPPITT, CHARLES WARREN  
LORILLARD, LOUIS L.  
LUDLOW, EDWARD L.

MALCOLM, M.  
McCORMICK, M. A.  
M'LEOD, ANGUS  
MASON, MISS ELLEN

MASON, MISS IDA M.  
MASON, A. LIVINGSTON  
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MATTISON, MRS. RICHARD V.  
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MORGAN, MRS. E. D.

OLMSTEAD, O. H.

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PARSONAGE, J. B.  
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PECKHAM, THOMAS P.  
PECKHAM, W. G.  
PERRY, MARSDEN J.  
PHINNEY, THEODORE W.  
PITMAN, T. T.  
POST, EDWARD C.  
POST, MRS. EDWARD C.  
POST, LAURA F.  
POTTER, MRS. EDWARD  
POWEL, MRS. SAMUEL  
PUMPELLY, RAPHAEL



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RAWSON, EDWARD S.  
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REDMOND, LYDIA S.  
RIDLON, JOHN  
RIVES, GEORGE L.  
  
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SAFE-SHAW, MRS. T.  
SANBORN, JOHN H.  
SATTERLEE, MISS M.  
SCANNEVIN, J. H.  
SCOTT, GEORGE S.  
SEABURY, JOHN C.  
SEDGWICK, ROBERT  
SHEFFIELD, WILLIAM PAINE  
SHERMAN, A. K.  
SHERMAN, EDWARD A.  
SHERMAN, MRS. SOPHIA  
SHERMAN, WILLIAM A.  
SHERMAN, W. WATTS  
SLATER, MRS. E. H. G.  
SPENCER, JOHN THOMPSON

STEVENS, R.

STEVENS, HENRY C.

STEWART, LISPENARD

STORER, HORATIO R.

STURGES, F. K.

SULLIVAN, JERE K.

SWAN, J. A.

TAILER, T. SUFFERN

TANNER, BENJAMIN F.

TAYLOR, A. O. D.

TAYLOR, H. A. C.

TAYLOR, HENRY R.

TERRY, RODERICK

THATCHER, A. G.

THAYER, MRS. N.

TITUS, HARRY A.

TOMPKINS, H. B.

TWOMBLY, MRS. H. McK.

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WETMORE, GEORGE P.  
WHEATLAND, MARCUS F.  
WHITNEY, MRS. H. PAYNE  
WIDENER, MRS. G. D.  
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WILLARD, MRS. MARY ADAMS  
WILLING, J. R. BARTON  
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WOOD, GEORGE A.  
WOODWARD, WILLIAM  
WYSONG, MRS. J. J.

